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Dear Sirs:

Regarding the over-the-counter sale of birth-control medication, I would give it an OK with some hesitation. My own personal belief is to get to the core of the problem by building intact families and teaching abstinence. Unfortunately, we have a long, long way back to those days. Teens who are inundated with sexualized advertising and images everywhere they turn, who are given into the hands of the teachers to learn birds and bees in a value-free (read amoral) environment have nothing to stop them from experimenting except the the fear of the possibility of pregnancy, are already victims. The ability to go to the nearest drugstore and buy the pills would destroy this last well-placed fear. But then, it is only a small inconvenience to make an appointment at Planned Parenthood for the same service. At least PP offers some supervision and instruction. It is, sadly, the lesser of two evils, to choose over-the-counter birth-control opposed to the worse consequence of abortion. I am for abstinence and adoption in the case of an illegitimacy. Somehow, these two options, which come closer to solving the problem, have faded into obscurity in the minds of legislators and public alike. Too bad.

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